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Mr. Malcolm T. Kerley, PE
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Kerley:

This is in response to your undated form letter, requesting Coast Guard approval for the construction of a bridge across Winter Haven Canal, in Mathews County, Virginia.

Since this canal is subject to tidal influence, it is considered legally navigable for Bridge Administration purposes. This canal, at the bridge site, also meets the criteria for advanced approval waterways outlined in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 115.70. Advanced approval waterways are those that are navigable in law, but not actually navigated by other than small boats. The Commandant of the Coast Guard has given his advance approval to the construction of bridges across such waterways. Therefore, an individual permit will not be required for this project, on the condition that there will be no significant adverse impacts on the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Terrance Knowles, at the phone number or address shown above.

Sincerely,

Signature on file at VDOT

ANN B. DEATON
Chief, Bridge Administration Section
By direction of the Commander
Fifth Coast Guard District